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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2739

CARACAS FOR ROBERT PASTOR, NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PINS, DR
SUBJECT: "THE GENERALS" MEETING OF MAY 20

REF SANTO DOMINGO 2737

1. WE HOPE THIS MESSAGE GIVES DEPT SOME FLAVOR FOR THE ATMOSPHERE
THAT HAS PREVAILED HERE SINCE THE EARLY HOURS OF MAY 17 OWING
TO THE UNCERTAIN SITUATION AND THE ENDLESS RUMORS THAT CIRCULATE
AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY.

2. OUR 2737 SENT EARLIER TODAY REPORTS AN ASSASSINATION PLOT
OUTLINED TO AN EMBOFF AT MIDNIGHT BY JACOBO MAJLUTA, PRD LEADER.
OUR CONCERN AT THE TIME OF WRITING WAS THAT CIRCULATION OF REPORTS
OF THIS NATURE MIGHT STIR UP UNWARRANTED ALARM. WE FIND THIS
MORNING THAT SOME MEMBERS OF US PRESS CORPS HERE FULLY BRIEFED
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OVERNIGHT ON "PLOT" AND , QUITE NATURALLY, INTENSELY INTERESTED
IN EMBASSY JUDGMENT OF ITS PROBABILITIES. WE THINK WE HAVE
COOLED REPORTERS DOWN A BIT.

3. ANYWAY, PROMINENTLY PLACED IN EL NACIONAL THIS MORNING IS A
REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH MAJLUTA (HIS SMILING PHOTO GIVEN
EQUALLY PROMINENT PLAY) UNDER THIS CROSS-THE-PAGE HEADLINE:

"MAJLUTA SEES AS POSITIVE THE GENERALS' MEETING." THE BODY OF THE REPORT QUOTES MAJLUTA AS SAYING THE YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF THE TOP MILITARY BRASS WAS "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, EXTREMELY POSITIVE, FOR THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY." IN AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE COMING TOGETHER OF GENERALS NIVAR AND PEREZ Y PEREZ, WHO BOTH ATTENDED, MAJLUTA SAID THE MILITARY "SUMMIT" REPRESENTED PART OF "THE ELECTORAL PROCESS THAT HAS JUST ENDED IN A MONOLITHIC UNITY OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIANS."

COMMENT. THE PRINCIPAL PLAYERS IN THE POLITICAL DRAMA PLAYING OUT HERE SHOW THE EXPECTED SIGNS OF CONFUSION. THE DOMINICAN MAN IN THE STREET, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO BE QUITE RELAXED, WAITING FOR THE END OF THE PROCESS WITH THE JCE VOTE COUNT SCHEDULED TO RESUME TOMORROW AT NINE O'CLOCK.

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